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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 3142

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SUBJ: CSCE POLICY: ORGANIZATION OF STAGE III

REF: (A) GENEVA 1883; (B) GENEVA 2529

1. DURING FIRST MEETING THIS WEEK OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
STAGE III (WG), IT WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT WG
PAPER WOULD BE DRAFTED FOLLOWING GENERAL OUTLINE OF ROMANIAN
TOPIC HEADINGS TRANSMITTED REF (B). IT WAS AGREED TO DEAL
WITH SOME EASIER ITEMS FIRST, I.E. RULES OF PROCEDURE, CHAIR-
MANSHIP, OPEN OR CLOSED MEETINGS, SPEECHES, EXECUTIVE
SECRETARY AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS. WG DISCUSSED FIRST THREE
OF THESE ISSUES AT THIS MEETING.

2. ON RULES OF PROCEDURE THERE WAS WIDE SUPPORT
FOR HOLY SEE PROPOSED LANGUAGE READING AS FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN QUOTE: THE WORK OF THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CSCE WILL

BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE MENTIONED
IN CHAPTER 6 OF THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HEL-
SINKI CONSULTATIONS (WITH THE CLARIFICATIONS GIVEN IN THIS
DOCUMENT) END QUOTE.

THERE WAS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER CLARIFICATIONS
WOULD BE NEEDED AND, IF SO, WHAT THEY WOULD COVER.

3. IT SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT THE CHAIR-
MAN AT OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS WOULD BE PROVIDED
BY THE HOST COUNTRY AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN AT INTERVENING
SESSIONS WOULD BE CHOSEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STAGE I
PROCEDURES (HELSINKI RECOMMENDATIONS PARA 70 AND 73).

4. THERE WAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE IDEA THAT ALL STAGE
III MEETINGS SHOULD BE OPEN TO THE PRESS.

5. ALTHOUGH NO FORMAL DECISIONS HAVE YET BEEN TAKEN,
THERE IS CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO MOVE RAPIDLY THROUGH
LESS CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. IN THIS SITUATION WE WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUIDANCE REQUESTED REF (A)
AND ANY GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ON OTHER
ISSUES LISTED IN REF (B).

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